

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached formal drawings include descriptive text that has been added to various blocks in order to clarify the blocks that were previously identified by number only.

The objection to the control circuit coupled to the low loss port as recited in claim 8 is respectfully traversed. Previously, the Applicants mistakenly referenced Figure 9. However, Figure 8 depicts control circuit 842 coupled to low loss port 814 via the primary line.

The objection to the supply circuit coupling to the high-loss port as recited in claim 12 is respectfully traversed. This feature is in the Detailed Description portion of the specification in the description related to Figure 8 (page 19-20) Figure 8 depicts supply circuit 890 connected to high-loss port 812 via coupled line 856 and isolated port 816.

Attachment: Replacement Drawings

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Amendments

The Applicants have amended Claims 18, 20 and 27; Claims 1-17 and 28 have been cancelled. Accordingly, Claims 18-27 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Examiner Objections

The Examiner objected to Claims 18, 19, 24-26 as to being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicants have incorporated the subject matter of rejected base Claim 17 into allowable Claim 18 and respectfully submit that Claims 18-27 are now allowable due to the foregoing amendments.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-13, 15, 16, 17, 20-23, 27 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kerley in view of the UK reference. Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-13, 15, 16, 17 and 28 have been canceled rendering the rejection of those claims moot.

Claim 18 has been amended and is now in independent form. Claim 18 includes limitations from canceled Claim 17. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 18 and the rejected claims that depend from Claim 18, Claims 20-23 and 27, are now allowable over Kerley in view of the UK reference (both of record).

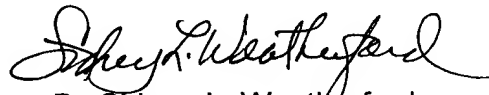
The Examiner rejected claims 5, 10 and 14 under 35. U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the preceding rejection as applied to claims 5, 10 and 14 respectively above and further in view of Goldman *et al* (of record). Claims 5, 10 and 14 have been canceled rendering the rejection of those claims moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for Claims 18-27.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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